WHEREAS; since 2000, National Work Zone Awareness Week has marked the start of construction season across the country, promoting road worker safety and cautious driving in work zones; and

WHEREAS; there are typically more than 300 state highway and bridge improvement projects—in addition to other municipality-sponsored construction projects—scheduled across Wisconsin every year that require the establishment of work zones; and

WHEREAS; last year, Wisconsin recorded more than 2,100 work zone crashes that resulted in 712 injuries and 9 fatalities; and

WHEREAS; safe roads, bridges, and highways ensure kids can get to school safely, workers can get to and from their jobs, industries can confidently move products from point A to point B, and visitors and residents alike can travel across the state and enjoy all that Wisconsin has to offer; and

WHEREAS; road workers, like all workers, have the right to a safe work environment, and all drivers must focus on the road ahead and exercise extra caution when traveling through work zones; and

WHEREAS; from promoting community safety and addressing reckless driving to increasing penalties for traffic violations in road construction areas and more, laws and practices are in place to keep everyone safe in work zones and on Wisconsin's roads; and

WHEREAS; this year's National Work Zone Awareness Week theme is "Work Zones are temporary. Actions behind the wheel can last forever," underscoring the importance of every driver doing their part to make a difference and promote work zone safety by practicing safe driving habits; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, road workers, and drivers across the state and nation in advocating for safe driving in work zones;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim April 15 – 19 2024 as

NATIONAL WORK ZONE AWARENESS WEEK

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Conited in the City of Medison this 5th day of April 202	
of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 5th day of April 202	.4.
TONY EVERS, Governor	
By the Governor:	
SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State	